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THE CIVICS CLUB PLANS FOR NEW YEAR

Several years ago there was organized in the Women's College a Civics Club, for the study of the political, economic and social problems of the day. Although the organizaton proved to a certain degree a popular and successful one, after the entrance of the United States into the war its activities were discontinued in favor of the more urgent and immediate demands of the War Service work. Now, however, when the winning of the war no longer claims our thoughts and efforts, and when the knitting of socks and sweaters has ceased to be the only legitimate occupation for leisure hours, we are becoming interested in the problems of reconstruction—those problems which are looming so large in the eyes of the world,—even in the eyes of the women's college world, proverbially so oblivious to the great question of national and international interest. With this realization of the big and bewildering tasks which civilization is facing today, comes also a realization of our own woeful ignorance of the basic principles of society and government, and a lack of understanding of the conflicting ideals which are responsible for the present political chaos in Europe.

The Civics Club immediately suggests itself as a solution for the situation, and we are glad to state that steps are already being taken towards its reorganization. Several of our college professors have offered their services, and with the co-operation of all who are genuinely interested in the subject the Club may easily be made a most profitable and enjoyable addition to our college life.

As women who without doubt will hold the franchise sooner or later, as college students to whom the world is going to look for its leaders, and as Americans living in one of the most critical hours of the world's history we cannot afford to lose any opportunity that will help to make us more intelligent citizens. Such an opportunity the Civics Club intends to offer soon to the women of the college with the hope and expectation that they will take advantage of it.

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ex-'10. Dr. P. E. Mellen received word the past week that his brother, Lieut. Henry D. Mellen, Middlebury ex-'10, had been severely wounded on Oct. 17, while under fire on the Flanders front. Lieut. Mellen suffered a fracture of the skull from flying shrapnel, and only by a miracle, apparently, was the wound not a fatal one.

In a letter dated Nov. 1 Lieut. Mellen wrote his brother that he expected to start the next day for a hospital in England. He reported that he was having the best of care and that the doctors assured him that he would pull thru all right.

'20. Joseph Kasper, who has been released from service at Pelham Bay, was at the college several days

SUMMARY OF MIDD'S FOOTBALL SEASON

The football season of 1918 was one of the shortest in the history of Middlebury College. As is the case of many other American colleges, Middlebury, has suffered greatly from the effects of the war. The beginning of the college year found athletics in a new and trying situation. When football practice was commenced in the middle of September, but three of last year's varsity men, Capt. Canty, S. Ross and Keppler were on the field, the remainder having gone into the service.

This shortage of veteran players was, however, but one of several difficulties with which the management was obliged to contend. Shortly before the first scheduled game of the season the Influenza epidemic had made its bow in Middlebury and in the course of its rather prolonged stay succeeded in laying out a number of good football prospects, some for almost the entire season. Then too, though there was unquestionably a lot of good material among those who first presented themselves it required some time, Coach Brown being a comparative stranger to Midd, for their ability to be recognized.

Middlebury was scheduled to play Amherst College, at Amherst on the 21st of September. Not until the two teams were about to line up on the field, however, was an order from the State Health Board received ordering the cancellation of the game. Naturally much disheartened, the squad returned to Middlebury and put in a strenuous week's practice in preparation for the Williams game. By the following Saturday, however, the epidemic situation had become much more acute and consequently the Williams College management wired that they would be unable to play. For similar reasons, R. P. I., and Dartmouth cancelled games scheduled with them.

Our first game was played Oct. 26, with Norwich University at Northfield. Fresh from a close encounter with Dartmouth, the Norwich eleven romped down the field and over the line for a touchdown in the first few minutes of play. Throughout the remainder of the game, however, Middlebury held its own but failed to secure the much coveted tally. Owing to the non-arrival of their suits the Middlebury men were obliged to borrow those of the Montpelier Seminary A. A. which fact, following on the long drive to Northfield on the previous day, accounted in no small measure for the final appearance of the score.

On the following Saturday. Nov. 2, Middlebury played Springfield Y. M. C. A. College to a 6-6 tie on Porter field. It can be honestly stated that the work of Midd's eleven far outshone that of Springfield but unluckily Dame Fortune did not see fit to turn her countenance in the direction of the wearers of the Blue and White

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BANQUET OF THE S. A. T. C. COMPANIES GET TOGETHER

The crowning event of the S A. T. C. took place last Thursday evening in the form of a closing banquet at the Gym. Both companies were present in full numbers as well as all the officers. Occupying three long and two shorter tables, the soldiers did full justice to a splendid array of cooking placed before them.

Immediately after the repast a court martial was held before the Lieutenants at which the plaintiffs appeared on the charge of "shooting crap" in their rooms. The men were convicted but with the exception of a short talk were let off with no penalty. Lieut Van Alstyne, commanding officer of Company B, aided by the orchestra then led the men in the singing of popular songs. After this an enthusiastic request was made for a "solo by the Lieutenant." The song leader's reluctant compliance met with hearty applause and encouraged his hearers to make another verbal request this time of Lieut. Ritter of Company A. The second number was a violin solo played in a masterful style. Lieut. Slusser, who was next called upon, seemed to be too modest to favor the company with an exhibition of his talents so the men turned to Lieut. Jones, Commandant of the Corps.

Commandant Jones, unlike his predecessors, did not give a musical selection but instead gave the men a short talk. He said that a few days before a certain officer had accosted him and asked about the possibilities of getting an early discharge. This person, the Lieutenant said, seemed to be under the impression that certain men of the college were "laying for him," intending to misuse his person after the discharge had been issued. In view of this fact the Lieutenant wished to give the anxious person a chance to square himself with the fellows. Loud crys of "Stoloff" following the Commandant's speech brought "Benny" Stoloff to his feet. The Sergeant-Major, however, denied that he was the person Lieut. Jones was referring to, inadvertently stating that although he had had a very good time at Midd he was "afraid of nobody." This unfortunate remark immediately brought a shower of missles about his head and in the midst of confusion the little officer was squelched.

After quiet had been resumed Lieut. Jones spoke of the pleasant time he had had at Middlebury and the good which the men, as soldiers, had derived from the short training which they had received. He said that on leaving every man would be given an Honorable Discharge because they had deserved one. He then tried to point out the value of such a discharge to a man and the rarety with which one is issued in ordinary times. In closing the speaker told the men to live up

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LETTERS FROM MIDD MEN PRAISE W. S. C.

With The A. E. F.
November, 9, 1918.

Dear Professor Sanford,—

"Today was a red letter day for me. After going three weeks without mail, I received seventeen letters, one of them from you.

"I am now on the front with the American First Army. Of course the papers have been full of its achievements against the best the Huns possess. It is a source of great satisfaction for me to know I did my first flying on the front which the enemy tried to hold at all costs and that Germany's most famous "circuses" were against us. In spite of the concentration of her air forces we were able to keep our advantage and go on with our missions.

"It is now a month since I received my baptism of fire from the Archies. During this time I've had a few exciting moments and a few anxious ones but that only adds to the fascination of the work.

"The papers are daily full of most encouraging news and all of us have visions of seeing good old U. S. A. in the near future.

"I must close now and answer some of my other mail. The "college on the hill" is often in my thoughts and my plane bears her name. I believe it brings luck. Hoping to hear from you often I am,

Sincerely,
Stanley V. Wright."

Fort Monroe, Va.

Dear "Cap",

"I don't know whether you are still at Middlebury or not but I am taking the chance that you are and am writing you there.

"I have received copies of The Campus quite regularly and meant to let someone know long ago how much I appreciate it.

"I was one of the "unfortunates" in the regular army who didn't get a chance to get into it "over there." I was at Jackson Barracks, Louisiana at the beginning of the war and then got orders to come to Monroe to instruct in the officers school here. After that I was put in charge of an aerial observer's course and held here until last September when I was ordered to the War College at Washington, D. C., to take the general staff course there.

"I graduated there and was going to sail about a week after the armistice was signed but the blasted war stopped. Of course everyone that didn't go is glad that the war is over but very much humiliated that they didn't get a real punch at the Hun.

"I have been a major for about three months now. At present I am awaiting orders here. Hope sometime, if the S. A. T. C. continues at Midd, that I may have the good fortune to be detailed there as commandant!

Sincerely,
C. W. Bundy."

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EDITORIAL

One of the strangest things in this enlightened day is the appalling ignorance of presumably educated people in regard to events of current interest. We have not the excuse of being unable to get information: never were there so many newspapers and periodicals, all conveniently near at hand. Perhaps the very ease with which we could, if the spirit moved us, acquire knowledge, accounts for our lack of enthusiasm. During the stirring progress of the Great War, almost all of us gave at least a casual glance at the headlines! Some did not even show this interest. Can it be possible that college men and women, to whom the nation looks for its best of culture and education, are so wrapped up in the trivial events in their own little circle that they can look on unmoved while the destiny of a world is being worked out? Several of our professors have expressed their amazement at the total ignorance displayed by students in regard to matters of world-wide interest and importance, and these students, unfortunately, are not the exception but the rule. This is no time for a "where ignorance is bliss" attitude. If, in our hearts, we realize that we are slackers in this matter, if we haven't a clear idea of the events of the day, if we can't intelligently discuss the Russian Situation and the terms of the armistice, the remedy is at hand if we will apply it. Can we afford to be negligent in this matter?

The members of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity gave an informal party and dance in the Masonic hall on Saturday evening, December 7 Professor and Mrs. Swett and Professor and Mrs. Voter acted as chaperons.

The Campus will not be printed next week owing to pressure of the examination schedule.

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which accounted for our failure to put over the final score.

Middlebury played Norwich here on November 9th and in a closely contested game lost a second time by the score of 6-0. Here again the ill-luck which had so closely pursued the Midd eleven was as apparent as ever. The playing of both teams was quite evenly matched but in crucial moments Capt. Canty's men lacked the jip to push the pigskin over the Norwich line. Without a doubt, the Norwich team was one, if not, the best which has ever carried the Red and Gold, which in view of our somewhat weakened condition was quite unfortunate.

Middlebury journeyed to Hanover on the 16th and played the strong Dartmouth eleven, losing by a score of 26-0. In this game Middlebury made its best showing of the season. In the early part of the game Midd had practically everything her own way holding her opponents repeatedly on downs and at times threatening seriously the Dartmouth goal. Most of the scoring was done in the last few minutes of play when the superior weight of the Green team played a large part in wearing down our defence.

Middlebury ended her season Nov. 23, in a scoreless tie game with U. V. M. on Porter field. The game was by far the most exciting contest of the year being witnessed by nearly 1000 spectators. Throughout the entire game the ball was carried up and down the field, neither side being able to cross their opponent's line. Though undeniably strong on the defense, Middlebury's offensive operations lacked the power to overcome the solid resistance offered by U. V. M.'s line. Both teams had two excellent chances to score, Vermont's coming in the last of the first half when the ball was on Midd's 5-yard line and Middlebury, in the last minutes of the game when the timer's whistle stopped Capt. Canty's men in a rush on the Vermont goal. which, had there been but a brief addition to the period, would undoubtedly have spelled defeat for U. V. M.

In view of the many obstacles which lay in the way of Midd's path to success it is not surprising that a "world-beating" team was not produced this season. The work of Coach Brown, who assumed charge of athletics under the most discouraging conditions deserves much praise. It is the earnest hope of all that his next year's team will begin under more auspicious conditions than those which were present at the beginning of the past season.

The work of Manager Hamilton has been of the most discouraging nature owing to the difficulty in arranging games with other colleges. There is not a doubt in the minds of any who know him but that "Ham" has been one of the most conscientious and efficient athletic managers that Middlebury has ever produced.

The Senior class was represented on this year's eleven by Capt. Canty and Bolivar. "Bill" is a graduate of Rutland High School and Dean Academy having made his letter in both schools. In Middlebury he has played varsity football the last three years and has gained a well deserved reputation as being one of the best tackles that Midd has ever seen. The vacancy on the line caused by his graduation will be felt most severely by the team.

"Chick" Bolivar has been a member of the football squad throughout his four years in Midd. His playing at center in part of this season's games has been very good.

Next year's eleven will be captained by "Stew" Ross for two years a varsity football man. At quarter back he proved to be one of the main-stays of this season's eleven. His reputation for speediness has yet to be excelled.

When the "Fluie" got Middlebury it also got "Hank" Thomas but he proceeded to put one over on the "Fluie" by going out for football and making his letter, incidentally being a very valuable acquisition to the team.

"Stan" Dixon, who made his letter this season at guard was one of the strongest men on the line. Although out of several games on account of sickness he came back strong in the last game of the season.

Though only here for part of the football season, Keppler, at fullback, played a strong game throughout the first few encounters. He made the varsity last fall .

The S. A. T. C. was the means of bringing a lot of good football material to Middlebury which accounts in a large measure for the unusually large representation of the '22 class on this year's eleven.

Those of the Freshman class who made the varsity are: H. E. Brown, Delphia, L. Dunn, Haggarty, Hoyt, E. Johnson, Kalin, Linnell, Potratz and E. L. Robinson.

BETTER LUCK NEXT YEAR!

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to the standard which this honor set and to retain and use the lesson of self control, which they had learned.

After a series of cheers for the officers and for "the cooks" the gathering broke up.

ORGAN RECITAL

Saturday afternoon, December seventh an enjoyable organ recital was given in the Mead Memorial Chapel by Marguerite Dyer '19. Miss Dyer is the pupil of Professor L. J. Hathaway, who, as well as Miss Dyer, is to be congratulated on the merit of the performance. The following programme was given:

I. Sonata, op. 40, Becker
Praeludum
Prayer
Scherzo

II. To a Primrose, Greig
Demanche a L'Awbe—Song of Southern Brittany.
Nature's Adoration, Beethoven
Mr. Swan.

III. Twilight, Stebbins
Fountain Reverie Fletcher
Hallelujah Chorus Handel-Dunham.

IV. Prologue Rogers
Intermezzo
Finale Lemmens.

KRAZY KORNER

SPEAKING OF S. A. T. C.
Seeking After The Cash
Students Are Thoroughly Canned.
Something All Teachers Cuss
Something All Too Common
Some Are Thought Cute
Some Actually Tire Corporals
Seen Around The Campus
Sense Added to Censure
Spasmodic Attention To Classes
Such Are The Conspirators.

"S" ome are dull and some are clever,
"A" ll are rookies at the game,
"T" raining, drilling, getting "K P,"
"C" oming better, just the same.
"S" ome day soon they're going to leave us,
"A" nd one wish to them we're giving,
"T" hat the lessons learned will help them
"C" onquer in the game of living.

COLLEGE NOTES

Esther Carlson '21 was called to Proctor owing to the death of her sister.

Gertrude Perkins '19 was called to her home in Hardwick by the death of her sister.

Alpha Alpha of Delta Kappa Epsilon announces the pledging of Donald C. Howe of Canton, N. Y.

A large number of the S. A. T. C. men have left for their homes during the past few days. The work of formally dismissing Company A was completed Monday and Company B will be discharged by Thursday.

An informal dance was held in the college gymnasium Saturday evening December 7. The patrons and patronesses were Professor and Mrs. Bryant and Professor and Mrs. Robinson. The music was furnished by the college orchestra.

The following men who have been in the service expect to return to college next term: Clesson Parker, Paul Pitkin, Roland Holbrook, George Keppler and Albert Houghton. A number of others are planning to come back at the earliest opportunity.

The following men of the football squad have been awarded Ms for the season just ended: Canty, Bolivar, S. Ross, Hamilton, Thomas, Dixon, Keppler, Harry Brown, Delphia, L. Dunn, Hoyt, Haggearty, E. Johnson, Kalin, Potratz, Linnell, E. L. Robinson.

Upon the completion of the demobilization of the S. A. T. C. the commanding officer, Lieut. Miles Jones will return to the Harvard Law School to pursue his studies there; Lieut. Slusser will go to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Lieut. Ritter to the Carnegie Technical School at Pittsburg, Pa., and Lieut. Van Alstyne to the University of Michigan.

An inter-class volley-ball tournament was held by the women of the college on Saturday afternoon in the gymnasium. The resulting scores were in favor of the juniors against the seniors, freshmen against the sophomores, and the final score gave the freshmen the victory against the juniors. Music was furnished by the college band.

Numerals will be awarded to the seniors according to the old constitution of the Women's Athletic Association and to the freshmen as champions under the ruling of the new constitution.